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INPUT/OUTPUT SYSTEM AND DATA BACK-UP METHOD  
FOR THE SYSTEMS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please enter thereto the following Preliminary  
Amendment.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.